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CITY OUTLAW'S 'PAN' GAMES

Card Club Ruling Due From Court

An emergency ordinance outlawing panguingue and other games of chance was adopted by city councilmen last night over the objections of a Beverly Hills attorney.

Councilmen also adopted ordinances requiring business licenses, employe licenses, and a conditional use permit for card clubs and schools in the city.

The conflicting ordinances were approved as emergency measures on the advice of City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier. Remelmeier said a decision now pending before the California Supreme Court may prohibit municipalities from banning gambling on grounds that the state has pre-empted the field. Such a decision would void the ordinance prohibiting panguingue.

IN SUCH a case, Remelmeier said, the other ordinances would regulate the opening and operation of card clubs and such games as panguingue.

Attorney Henry Friedman of Beverly Hills appeared before the council and immediately demanded that the council prove there was in fact an emergency.

"I feel that it is the duty of the council to follow constitutional methods," Friedman declared. "I think it should be shown that an emergency exists," he added.

Friedman quickly added that the presence of panguingue clubs in other areas did not, in his opinion, constitute an emergency.

Tomorrow Is Voter Deadline

Tomorrow is the final day for persons to register if they intend to vote in the Nov. 3 General Elections.

Deputy registrars will be on duty at the City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd., during the day. In addition, the League of Women Voters will have deputy registrars at all five city libraries until 9 p.m.

Deputy registrars also will be at many local markets and shopping centers. A complete list of all registrars in the area is available at each library and at the city clerk's office at City Hall.

Persons who have never registered before or who have changed their address, name, or party affiliation must register in order to be eligible for the November balloting. All persons who have registered, but did not vote in the 1962 general election must reregister.

In order to register, persons must have lived in the state for one year, in the county for 90 days, and in the local precinct for 54 days.

Damage Claim Denied ---

A claim for damages against the city was denied and referred to the City Attorney by the City Council last night. The claim was submitted by Salvatore Lamas of Los Angeles, who was injured when a construction ditch wall collapsed on him last May 21. Total amount of the claim is not yet known, Lamas told the council.

Time Table Revised ---

A revised time table for construction of additions to the city's police station was presented to the City Council last night. City Manager Edward Ferraro predicted occupancy within 13 to 15 months. Earlier plans put estimates at two years, but Councilmen had asked that the project be given top priority.

Speed Limit Lowered ---

The speed limit on Beryl Street between 190th Street and the Redondo Beach city limits has been reduced to 40 miles per hour. The previous limit was 65 miles per hour. The lower limit was recommended following a radar check in the area.

Walteria School Damaged ---

Vandals did \$307 damage to windows, lighting fixtures and six fire box glasses at Walteria School, 24456 Madison, Principal Victor Kilburn reported to police Tuesday. Kilburn said the vandalism occurred sometime during the past eight weeks. A BB gun was used.

Missing Pilot Safe ---

Search for Torrance pilot E. M. Freeman was called off Tuesday when the plane landed at Freeway Airport near Tucson. Freeman and a passenger, Rudy Hazuka of Lomita, apparently spent Monday night at a field west of Tucson, short of their flight plan, touching off a search at daybreak Tuesday.

Escaped Patient Has Gun

A 20-year-old escapee from the Harbor General Hospital psychiatric ward was taken into custody Tuesday night by six police officers after he threatened them with a pistol.

Officers were called to 3128 Redondo Beach Blvd. about 10:30 p.m., where they found the young man in a telephone booth. When they approached he drew a pistol and demanded time to complete a telephone call.

BECAUSE OF customers at a nearby root beer stand, officers let him complete his call and leave the booth before they attempted to apprehend him. By this time additional officers had arrived at the scene.

The young man left the booth and walked east on Redondo Beach Boulevard. When he reached a point where there were no people, he was ordered to drop the gun.

HE RESISTED officers attempting to subdue him, biting one policeman. Six officers forced him to the ground, where they shackled his hands and feet.

The youth said he borrowed the pistol but refused to say from whom he had borrowed it.

Campaign Staff Sets Films on Anti-Communism

A series of anti-communist educational films will be shown each Thursday evening, beginning tomorrow, by the Muncaster for Congress Committee.

"Communist Encirclement," the first of the films, will be shown tomorrow evening at 8 p.m. at the Muncaster Headquarters, 2520 Torrance Blvd.

There is no admission charge. Free copies of the U. S. Constitution will be available.



CONTESTANTS RELAX... Five of the girls competing in the Miss Walteria contest enjoy a few minutes of relaxation, while still reminding local residents that Walteria's annual Round-Up Days Celebration begins Saturday with a barbeque at Walteria Park. A parade

will move along Walteria area streets Sunday. Shown here are Sharon Gunther, Celia Hawley, Val Vergith, Betty Anne Campisi, and Audrey Molsby. The queen will be selected Saturday evening.

High-Rise Apartment Bid Fails

A bid to have City Councilmen take a second look at their votes on the proposed high-rise at the Torrance Beach failed to get off the ground last night.

Members of the Torrance Beach Improvement Association, a group of homeowners who reside in the immediate area around the high-rise site, appeared before the council to ask for reconsideration of the Sovereign Development Co.'s petition.

A spokesman for the group said there was new evidence to be presented and characterized the public hearing of Aug. 11 as "biased and incomplete."

Mayor Albert Isen said discussion of the matter was out of order unless a motion to reconsider was made by one of the councilmen who voted with the majority side. The motion was never made.

Committee Will Study Meadow Park Zone Plan

Zone changes recommended by the city's Planning Commission for a part of the Meadow Park Tract in South Torrance were delayed for at least two weeks last night when residents of the area agreed to meet with the City Council's airport committee.

Homeowners appeared before the council to protest a proposed change from C-2 to M-1 for property located generally between the western edge of the Torrance Airport and Park Street.

After more than an hour of debate, the council formed a committee of five homeowners, a member of the Planning Commission, and a member of the Airport Commission to meet with the council's airport committee. They will review the zone plan and try to reach some solution which will satisfy both the city and area property owners.

J. B. Mosley, who spoke for the property owners, charged the council with attempting "inverse condemnation." Mosley also said residents in the area would "be glad to negotiate a sale to the city, but don't take our land by legislation."

Concern that the property, now zoned C-2, might be developed for apartments apparently prompted the zone plan. Portions of the area to the west of the airport runways have been purchased as part of the airport clear zone.

Councilman J. A. Beasley, siding with homeowners on the question of inverse condemnation, said he would not be a party to devaluing the property in the area. "The city has only two choices," Beasley told his colleagues. "It can buy it or it can leave it as it is."

THE COMMITTEE will meet this week. The zone changes will be placed on the council agenda for Sept. 22.

In a related matter, the council voted to file a communication regarding residential uses of C-2 property. A motion by Councilman H. T. "Ted" Olson to send the communication to the Planning Commission for public hearings was approved then failed when Councilman David K. Lyman changed his vote.

New Money Saver Ferraro Establishes Public Service Group

A reorganization proposal by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro which would establish a "public service group" within the present city administration has been approved by the city council.

The new group will be headed by the city engineer, who will get a new title—City Engineer-Street Superintendent—and additional administrative duties out of the shuffle.

The public service group includes engineering, sanitation, street, traffic and lighting, and water departments.

Ferraro told councilmen the reorganization would "prevent many of the embarrassing and costly mistakes that occur from time to time in other cities." Among the examples he cited was the practice of one department paving a street and having a second department tear it up the next day.

A new office engineer's position will be created in the division. His responsibility will be direct supervision of the engineering department. At least one other position was upgraded, while one position was eliminated.

Ferraro estimated additional costs at \$1,000 and said that amount would be saved several times under the new plan.

Local Dairymen Win Fair Award

Local dairymen won top honors in the milk and cream division of competition at the California State Fair, according to Harold J. Powers, director in charge of the fair.

First place awards were won by Inglewood Farms, Verburg Dairy, Vermont Dairy, and Quinns Dairy, all of Torrance. Inglewood Farms won three first place ribbons.

A Penny for your Thoughts

At West High this week, the Pennies photographer asked several boys out of the Bee and Cee football teams to explain their reasons for being out for football.

Bill DeWaide, 21918 Linda Drive:

"Playing football helps you get something beyond class out of school. It makes school less boring to have something like football to look forward to. And, I just like to play football and other sports."

Joel Hons, 4539 Talisman St.:

"Football makes school a lot more interesting for me. I like football a lot and when I am out for it I meet a lot of guys I would not meet otherwise. I think guys who don't go out for sports miss something in school."

David Haight, 21729 Anza Ave.:

"I think football is a good sport and I like to play. It is a real good way to develop your physical ability and then show that ability. I just like to play, and I think that's the main reason I'm out."

Bob Fleming, 13917 Pruitt Drive:

"I like football a lot. I think it's a good way to show some school spirit. I also think football and other sports help you to keep yourself physically fit."

Houseguests Prove Most Unwelcome

The Joan A. Bramhall family of 20153 Wayne Ave. apparently has been having some unwelcome guests in recent evenings and they've asked the City Council to do something about it.

Bramhall, whose home adjoins the sump located on Henrietta Street in west Torrance, told councilmen last night that a family of skunks inhabits the sump and has been making nightly visits at the Bramhall home.

He also said other sumps in the city are homes for the four-legged and sometimes unwelcome creatures and asked if something might be done.



LIONS FETE BOOSTED... Angel Manager Bill Rigney holds sheaf of tickets for the Sept. 22 game with Chicago White Sox which has been chosen by the Lions Club as a benefit for their White Cane sight conservation program. With Rigney here are Chris Becker, holding autographed ball; Ernie Harris, president of the Torrance Lions Club; and Angel Jim Fregosi. Lions club members will have tickets for sale until Sept. 15.